

**OFFICE OF STATEWIDE HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
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**DISPOSITION OF PATIENT**

**Section 97231**

***Effective with discharges on or after January 1, 1997, the patient's disposition, defined as the consequent arrangement or event ending a patient's stay in the reporting facility, shall be reported as one of the following:***

**DISCUSSION**

Specifications for reporting this data element with the Record Entry Form for online web entry of individual records or online data file transmission for discharges occurring on or after January 1, 2005:

<b>14. DISPOSITION OF PATIENT</b>	
01 Routine (Home)	07 SN/IC
<b>Within This Hospital</b>	08 Residential Care Facility
02 Acute Care	09 Prison Jail
03 Other Care	10 Against Medical Advice
04 SN/IC	11 Died
<b>To Another Hospital</b>	12 Home Health Service
05 Acute Care	13 Other
06 Other Care (Not SN/IC)	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 30px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"><div style="border-right: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 30px;"></div><div style="width: 40px; height: 30px;"></div></div>

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***(a) Routine Discharge. A patient discharged from this hospital to return home or to another private residence. Patients scheduled for follow-up care at a physician's office or a clinic shall be included. Excludes patients referred to a home health service.***

**DISCUSSION**

See Examples 1 and 2 at the end of this subsection.

This category is used to indicate discharge to a location not licensed as a hospital by the Department of Health Services and includes:

- Patients discharged to a home environment (e.g., half-way house, group home, foster care, woman's shelter)
- Patients discharged home either directly from the hospital, or after being treated at a licensed ambulatory surgery facility, or after receiving outpatient services at your or another hospital
- Patients discharged to an Alcoholism or Drug Abuse Recovery or Treatment Facility as licensed by the Department of Alcoholism and Drug Programs
- Patients discharged home with hospice care (but not through a home health service plan – Example 10)
- Patients who are homeless

***(b) Acute Care Within This Hospital. A patient discharged to inpatient hospital care that is of a medical/surgical nature, such as to a perinatal, pediatric, intensive care, coronary care, respiratory care, newborn intensive care, or burn unit within this reporting hospital.***

**DISCUSSION**

See Examples 3, 4, and 5 at the end of this subsection.

Consolidated Hospital Submitting One Discharge Data Report:

Includes patients discharged from a TOC 3, 4, 5, or 6 bed to a TOC 1 bed.

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***(c) Other Type of Hospital Care Within This Hospital. A patient discharged to inpatient hospital care not of a medical/surgical nature and not skilled nursing/intermediate care, such as to a psychiatric, physical medicine rehabilitation, or chemical dependency recovery treatment unit within this reporting hospital.***

**DISCUSSION**

See example 11 at the end of this subsection.

Consolidated Hospital Submitting One Discharge Data Report:

Includes patients discharged from a:

- TOC 1 bed to a TOC 4, 5, or 6 bed.
- TOC 3 bed to a TOC 4, 5, or 6 bed.
- TOC 4 bed to a TOC 5 or 6 bed.
- TOC 5 bed to a TOC 4 or 6 bed.
- TOC 6 bed to a TOC 4 or 5 bed.

***(d) Skilled Nursing/Intermediate Care Within This Hospital. A patient discharged to a Skilled Nursing/Intermediate Care Distinct Part within this reporting hospital.***

**DISCUSSION**

See Examples 6 and 7 at the end of this subsection.

Consolidated Hospital Submitting One Discharge Data Report:

Includes patients discharged from a:

- TOC 1 bed to a TOC 3 bed.
- TOC 4 bed to a TOC 3 bed.
- TOC 5 bed to a TOC 3 bed.
- TOC 6 bed to a TOC 3 bed.

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This category includes patients discharged to:

- A skilled nursing bed for the Medi-Cal Subacute Care Program. See Glossary of Terms and Abbreviations (Appendix A) for definition.
- A skilled nursing bed for the Medi-Cal Transitional Care Program. See Glossary of Terms and Abbreviations (Appendix A) for definition.
- An acute care bed that is used to provide skilled nursing care in an approved swing bed program.
- An Institution for Mental Disease (IMD). See Glossary of Terms and Abbreviations (Appendix A) for definition.
- A skilled nursing facility for hospice care.

***(e) Acute Care at Another Hospital. A patient discharged to another hospital to receive inpatient care that is of a medical/surgical nature, such as to a perinatal, pediatric, intensive care, coronary care, respiratory care, newborn intensive care, or burn unit of another hospital.***

See Example 8 at the end of this subsection.

Disposition to this category are for discharges to the licensed bed type category "Acute Care" as defined by paragraph (1) Subdivision (a) of Section 1250.1 of the Health and Safety Code. This category includes patients discharged:

- Between a consolidated hospital that has elected to submit two or more discharge data reports to OSHPD.
- To an acute care bed at an out of state, federal, or foreign hospital. Federal hospitals may include Veterans Administration, Department of Defense, or Public Health Service hospitals.
- To an acute care bed for the Medi-Cal Subacute Care Program. See Glossary of Terms and Abbreviations (Appendix A) for definition.
- To an acute care bed for the Medi-Cal Transitional Care Program. See Glossary of Terms and Abbreviations (Appendix A) for definition.

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***(f) Other Type of Hospital Care at Another Hospital. A patient discharged to another hospital to receive inpatient hospital care not of a medical/surgical nature and not skilled nursing/intermediate care, such as to a psychiatric, physical medicine rehabilitation, or chemical dependency recovery treatment unit of another hospital.***

**DISCUSSION**

This category includes patients discharged:

- Between a consolidated hospital that has elected to submit two discharge data reports to OSHPD.
- To an acute care bed at an out of state, federal, or foreign hospital. Federal hospitals may include Veterans Administration, Department of Defense, or Public Health Service hospitals.

***(g) Skilled Nursing/Intermediate Care Elsewhere. A patient discharged from this hospital to a Skilled Nursing/Intermediate Care type of care, either freestanding or a distinct part within another hospital, or to a Congregate Living Health Facility, as defined by Subsection (i) of Section 1250 of the Health and Safety Code.***

**DISCUSSION**

See Example 9 at the end of this subsection.

This category includes patients discharged:

- Between consolidated hospitals that have elected to submit two or more discharge data reports to OSHPD.
- To a skilled nursing bed at an out of state, federal, or foreign hospital. Federal hospitals may include Veterans Administration, Department of Defense, or Public Health Service hospitals.
- To a skilled nursing bed for the Medi-Cal Subacute Care Program. See Glossary of Terms and Abbreviations (Appendix A) for definition.
- To a skilled nursing bed for the Medi-Cal Transitional Care Program. See Glossary of Terms and Abbreviations (Appendix A) for definition.
- To a skilled nursing facility for hospice care.
- To an acute care bed that is being used to provide skilled nursing care in an approved swing bed program.
- To an Institute for Mental Disease (IMD). See Glossary of Terms and Abbreviations (Appendix A) for definition.

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***(h) Residential Care Facility. A patient discharged to a facility that provides special assistance to its residents in activities of daily living, but that provides no organized healthcare.***

**DISCUSSION**

This category includes patients discharged to:

- Various types of facilities that provide supportive and custodial care. The facilities are licensed by the California Department of Social Services and are not considered to be health facilities. The facilities are referred to by a variety of terms (e.g., board and care, residential care facilities for the elderly).
- Mental Health Rehabilitation Centers (MHRC). See Glossary of Terms and Abbreviations (Appendix A) for definition.

***(i) Prison/Jail. A patient discharged to a correctional institution.***

**DISCUSSION**

This category includes patients discharged to juvenile hall.

***(j) Against Medical Advice. Patient left the hospital against medical advice, without a physician's discharge order. Psychiatric patients discharged from away without leave (AWOL) status are included in this category.***

***(k) Died. All episodes of inpatient care that terminated in death. Patient expired after admission and before leaving the hospital.***

***(l) Home Health Service. A patient referred to a licensed home health service program.***

**DISCUSSION**

This category includes patients discharged home with home health services.

See Example 10 at the end of this subsection.

***(m) Other. A patient discharged to some place other than mentioned above. Includes patients discharged to a freestanding, not hospital-based, inpatient hospice facility.***

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**ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION FOR ALL CATEGORIES**

- **Skilled Nursing Bed Hold Days:** Skilled nursing **bed hold days are not reported** to OSHPD. A patient cannot be reported in two Types of Care at the same time.
- **Mode of Transportation:** The mode of transporting a patient from one health facility to another is irrelevant to the patient's disposition.
- **Billing Requirements:** The use of coded information has become increasingly important in the health care reimbursement systems. This impacted the reporting of disposition codes, and codes for diagnoses, procedures, and E-codes to OSHPD.

The Inpatient Data Reporting Requirements in California Code of Regulations cannot deal effectively with every billing requirement because the variations and rules are not consistent among insurers and because they change from time to time.

The hospital should always apply the reporting requirements as specified in the California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 7, Chapter 10, Article 8, regardless of which reimbursement system is involved.

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**EXAMPLES OF DISPOSITION OF PATIENT**

**ROUTINE “OUTPATIENT SERVICES”**

**EXAMPLE 1**

1. Laura was discharged from your hospital to a dialysis clinic for further treatment as an outpatient.

Q. How was Laura’s Disposition reported?

- A. Laura was discharged to “Routine,” this should be reported by using “01” as shown below.

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**EXAMPLES OF DISPOSITION OF PATIENT**

**ROUTINE "HOSPICE CARE"**

**EXAMPLE 2**

2. Daniel was discharged home with hospice care (not through Home Health Services).

Q. How was Daniel's Disposition reported?

- A. Daniel was discharged to "Home," this should be reported by using "01" as shown below.

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**EXAMPLES OF DISPOSITION OF PATIENT**

**ACUTE CARE – WITHIN THIS HOSPITAL**

**EXAMPLE 3**

3. Lucy was discharged from skilled nursing care at your hospital to an acute care bed at your hospital.
- Q. How was Lucy's Disposition reported on the skilled nursing record?
- A. Lucy was discharged to "Acute Care, Within Your Hospital," this should be reported by using "02", which is reported as shown below.

<b>14. DISPOSITION OF PATIENT</b>	
01 Routine (Home)	07 SN/IC
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**EXAMPLES OF DISPOSITION OF PATIENT**

**ACUTE CARE – WITHIN THIS HOSPITAL**

**EXAMPLE 4**

For a **CONSOLIDATED HOSPITAL** that submits discharge data on **ONE REPORT** with one Facility Identification Number:

4. Alberto was discharged from skilled nursing care at your hospital to an acute care bed at your hospital.

Q. How was Alberto's disposition reported on the skilled nursing record?

A. Alberto was discharged to "Acute Care, Within Your Hospital." *Because your data is submitted on one report*, this should be reported by using "02" as shown below.

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**EXAMPLES OF DISPOSITION OF PATIENT**

**ACUTE CARE – WITHIN THIS HOSPITAL**

**EXAMPLE 5**

5. Riley was discharged from psychiatric care at your hospital to an acute care bed at your hospital.

Q. How was Riley's disposition reported on the psychiatric care record?

- A. Riley was discharged to "Acute Care" within your hospital; this should be reported by using "02" as shown below.

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01 Routine (Home)	07 SN/IC
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**EXAMPLES OF DISPOSITION OF PATIENT**

**SKILLED NURSING/INTERMEDIATE CARE – WITHIN THIS HOSPITAL**

**EXAMPLE 6**

6. Jenna was discharged from acute care at your hospital to a skilled nursing care bed at your hospital.

Q. How was Jenna's disposition reported on the acute care record?

- A. Jenna was discharged to "To SN/IC, Within This Hospital"; this should be reported by using "04" as shown below.

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01 Routine (Home)	07 SN/IC
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**EXAMPLES OF DISPOSITION OF PATIENT**

**SKILLED NURSING/INTERMEDIATE CARE – WITHIN THIS HOSPITAL  
“HOSPICE CARE”**

**EXAMPLE 7**

7. Vern was discharged from acute care at your hospital to a swing bed at your hospital for hospice care.
- Q. How was Vern’s Disposition reported on the acute care record?
- A. Vern was discharged to “SN/IC, Within Your Hospital,” this should be reported by using “04” as shown below.

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**EXAMPLE OF DISPOSITION OF PATIENT**

**ACUTE CARE – ANOTHER HOSPITAL**

**EXAMPLE 8**

8. Sarah was discharged from skilled nursing care at your hospital to acute care at another hospital.

Q. How was Sarah's disposition reported on the skilled nursing record?

- A. Sarah was discharged to "To Another Hospital, Acute Care." This should be reported by using "05" as shown below.

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<b>To Another Hospital</b>	12 Home Health Service
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\*This example would also apply to a consolidated hospital that submits inpatient data on **two or more reports with separate Facility Identification Numbers.**

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EXAMPLES OF DISPOSITION OF PATIENT

**SKILLED NURSING/INTERMEDIATE CARE – ANOTHER HOSPITAL  
“HOSPICE CARE”**

**EXAMPLE 9**

9. Charlie was transferred from acute care at your hospital to skilled nursing at another hospital for hospice care.
- Q. How was Charlie’s Disposition reported on the acute care record?
- A. Charlie was discharged to “SN/IC, Another Hospital,” this should be reported by using “07”, as shown below.

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**EXAMPLE OF DISPOSITION OF PATIENT**

**HOME HEALTH SERVICE “HOSPICE CARE”**

**EXAMPLE 10**

**10.** Mary was discharged home with hospice care ordered through a home health agency.

Q. How was Mary’s Disposition reported?

A. Mary was discharged to “Home Health Service,” this should be reported by using “12” as shown below. Home health care has a higher level of care and takes precedence over home.

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**EXAMPLE OF DISPOSITION OF PATIENT**

**OTHER (PSYCHIATRIC) CARE – WITHIN HOSPITAL**

**EXAMPLE 11**

**11.** Aaron was discharged from acute care of your hospital to a psychiatric bed at your hospital.

Q. How was Aaron's disposition reported on the acute record?

A. Aaron was discharged to "Within This Hospital, Other Care." This should be reported by using "03" as shown below.

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